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BJ: DRV VESSELS ATTACK DESOTO PATROL IN GULF OF TONKIN  
FYI THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TRANSMITTED BY USS MADDOX  
(DESOTO PATROL VESSEL) TO COMSEVENTHFLT AND READDRESSED BY  
COMSEVENTHFLT TO CNO, CINCPACFLT, COMNAVFORJAP. ALL MESSAGES  
WERE FLASH PRECEDENCE AND UNCLASSIFIED.

MESSAGE NR ONE: SENT AT 020740Z: QUOTE I AM BEING APPROACHED BY  
HIGH SPEED CRAFT WITH APPARENT INTENTION OF TORPEDO ATTACK. INTEND  
OPEN FIRE IF NECESSARY IN SELF DEFENSE UNQUOTE.

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MESSAGE NR TWO: SENT AT 020807Z: QUOTE BEING ATTACKED BY 3 DRV PT  
CRAFT. I AM OPENING FIRE WITH FIVE INCH BATTERY. AIR SUPPORT FROM  
TICONDIROGA ETA 15 MINUTES UNQUOTE

MESSAGE NR THREE: 020829Z: QUOTE PT CRAFT COMPLETED TORPEDO ATTACK  
AND RETIRING SHIP SUSTAINED NO DAMAGE. SHIPS GUN DAMAGED ONE  
((DRV PT BOAT)). AIRCRAFT FROM TICONDIROGA NOW ATTACKING PT  
CRAFT. I AM RETIRING TO SOUTHEAST UNQUOTE.

REQUEST EXTREME COLLECTION, PROCESSING AND REPORTING VIGILANCE ON  
PART OF ALL WITH REPORTING ACCOMPLISHED IAW ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES

AND AT PRECEDENCE APPROPRIATE TO ACTIVITY. ESPECIALLY CONCERNED

REGARDS [ ] REACTION

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NSA25X3

FOR [ ] APPREC DESOTO SITREPS PASSED VIA TELECON. REQUEST YOU  
PASS ANY RECEIVED AFTER THREE AND ARRANGE FOR DIRNSA RECEIPT  
DIRECT FROM ORIGINATOR ALL FUTURE SITREPS

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